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Classified By: EUR A/S Daniel Fried for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) The Department supports the Georgian MOD's plan to sign an MOU with the EU Monitoring Mission regarding voluntary restraints on deployment of Georgian troops and equipment in areas adjacent to South Ossetia and Abkhazia (reftel). We concur with Embassy Tbilisi that the restraints would not compromise Georgia's legitimate defense requirements, and we believe they would provide a useful transparency measure and help counter Russian claims of a Georgian military build-up near the lines of contact.

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